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Programme of meetings and agenda

Official meetings

[There are no official meetings scheduled at Headquarters *today*, 24 December 2008.]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

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Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund
First regular session 2009

The first regular session 2009 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from Monday, 19, to Thursday, 22 January 2009, in Conference Room 2. The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2009/L.1. Member States as well as Observers and other organizations attending the session are requested to e-mail their credentials to the secretariat of the UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board (marcela.romero@undp.org) or by fax (1 (212) 906-5634), as early as possible, but *no later than 12 January 2009*. The session will be preceded by an informal consultation on matters to be taken up at the first regular session of the Board, on Wednesday, 7 January, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 5.

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The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP will take place on Friday, 23, and Monday, 26 January 2009, in Conference Room 2. According to decision 2006/14, the Board decided that prior to the convening of the joint meeting, the new Bureau should be selected, and therefore there will be a formal meeting of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA, on Friday, 9 January, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 5.

Announcements

Preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women: Extension of deadline for submission of names of expert panellists

In preparation for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2–13 March 2009), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS; and (b) Capacity building for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes to support the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail jagwanth@un.org or williams-carter@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Friday, 9 January 2009*. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available at <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm#interactive>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

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[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 23 December 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

74th plenary meeting — The summary of the 74th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in an addendum to the present issue of the *Journal* (No. 2008/249/Add.1).

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

28th meeting — The summary of the 28th meeting of the Fifth Committee will appear in an addendum to the present issue of the *Journal* (No. 2008/249/Add.1).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol V). Geneva, 28 November 2003

Consent to be bound: Georgia (22 December 2008)[1]

Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences. Geneva, 6 April 1974

Denunciation: Bulgaria (22 December 2008)[1]

International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organisations. Rome, 26 October 1961

Accession: Republic of Korea (18 December 2008)[1]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Notification under article 4 (3): Peru (16 December 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *December 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Morocco
H.E. Mr. Mohammed Loulichki

Asian States:
Thailand
H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai

Eastern European States:
Czech Republic
H.E. Mr. Martin Palouš

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Colombia
H.E. Ms. Claudia Blum

Western European and other States:
Israel
H.E. Ms. Gabriela Shalev

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 23 December 2008.

Symbol	*Main title*
General Assembly	**Official Records**
	Sixty-third session
	Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)
A/C.4/63/SR.3	Meeting held on 7 October 2008, 3 p.m. [A C E F R S]
General Assembly	**Documents**
	Sixty-third session
A/63/430/Add.3/Corr.1	Item 64 (c) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives — Report of the Third Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/591	Item 44 — Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields — Letter dated 4 December 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/598–E/2009/7	Item 49 — Sustainable development — Letter dated 28 November 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/633	Item 3 (b) — Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly — Report of the Credentials Committee [A C E F R S]

A/63/L.55/Add.1 — Item 45 — Culture of peace — Albania, Australia, Belize, Egypt, Finland, Israel, Morocco, Oman, Singapore and Spain: draft resolution — Supporting the United Nations International School in enhancing international education and promoting multicultural interaction — Austria, Denmark, France, Iceland, Jordan, Kuwait, Luxembourg, Maldives, Netherlands, Panama, Qatar, Slovenia, Sweden and Thailand [A C E F R S]

Fifth Committee

A/C.5/63/L.9 — Item 118 — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Draft resolution submitted by Antigua and Barbuda — Development-related activities [A C E F R S]

A/C.5/63/L.10 — Item 125 — United Nations common system — Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations — United Nations common system: report of the International Civil Service Commission [A C E F R S]

A/C.5/63/L.11 — Item 118 — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman of the Committee following informal consultations — Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice and judges and ad litem judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda [A C E F R S]

A/C.5/63/L.12 — Items 130 and 131 — Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 — Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 — Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations — Comprehensive proposal on appropriate incentives to retain staff of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia [A C E F R S]

A/C.5/63/L.13 — Item 130 — Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 — Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman of the Committee following informal consultations [A C E F R S]

A/C.5/63/L.14 — Item 122 — Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations — Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman of the Committee following informal consultations — Unpaid assessed contributions of the former Yugoslavia [A C E F R S]

A/C.5/63/L.15 — Item 121 — Pattern of conferences — Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations [A C E F R S]

Security Council	Documents
S/2008/787	Russian Federation and United States of America: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
S/2008/800	Belgium, France and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
S/2008/801	Belgium and France: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
S/2008/802	Belgium and France: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
S/2008/803	Letter dated 12 December 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Serbia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
S/2008/805	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/6050	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/6051	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/6055	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/6056	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/6057	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/6058	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/RES/1850 (2008)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 6045th meeting, on 16 December 2008 [A C E F R S]
S/RES/1856 (2008)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 6055th meeting, on 22 December 2008 [A C E F R S]
S/RES/1857 (2008)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 6056th meeting, on 22 December 2008 [A C E F R S]
S/RES/1858 (2008)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 6057th meeting, on 22 December 2008[A C E F R S]
S/RES/1859 (2008)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 6059th meeting, on 22 December 2008 [A C E F R S]

Economic and Social Council

	Documents
	Substantive session of 2009
A/63/598–E/2009/7	Economic and environmental questions: sustainable development — Letter dated 28 November 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2009 regular session

E/C.2/2009/2/Add.16 Quadrennial reports for the period 2004-2007 submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council through the Secretary-General pursuant to Council resolution 1996/31 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

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DP/2009/3 Item 2 of the provisional agenda — Financial, budgetary and administrative matters — Cost classification in UNDP [A C E F R S]

Communications to the Editor

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